



Career and publication strategies in Anglo-American academia.

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Reliable data suggest that traditional academic career paths are becoming unsustainable. Most history graduates are looking at options limited to retraining, short-term adjunct or teaching fellow positions with little or no social and job security, or administrative and teaching loads inimical to a healthy work-life balance.

These problems are increasingly recognised, and some solutions are emerging. They range from realistic self-help books to the haphazard unionisation of adjuncts at some US universities. Nonetheless, the average history graduate is in a worse position than twenty years ago.

This workshop will discuss the trends in UK and US academia that are most relevant to fresh graduates, with a view to offering practical support. Topics covered include the normally opaque priorities and processes involved in assessing applications for short- and long-term grants, fellowships, and jobs; finding alternative and complementary sources of income after graduation; methods for improving applications; and designing a career path in these new circumstances. Students are encouraged to discuss their particular situation and plans.

When: Mo 12.12.2016, Where: Seminar Room 4 - Departement of History, Hirschgässlein 21, 4051 Basel, Departement Geschichte, Time: 2 - 5.30 pm

Registration: No registration required.